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1. SUMMARY: THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (EP) PLENARY
SESSION IN BRUSSELS SEPTEMBER 14-15 GAVE THE PARLIAMENT,
COUNCIL, AND COMMISSION AN OPPORTUNITY TO DESCRIBE SOME
OF WHAT THEY SEE AS NECESSARY STEPS ON RWANDA. THE EP
ADOPTED A RESOLUTION ALONG THE LINES OF RECOMMENDATIONS
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MADE BY LORD PLUMB AND BERNARD KOUCHNER AFTER THEIR
AUGUST TRIP TO RWANDA, INCLUDING RECOGNITION OF THE NEW
RWANDAN GOVERNMENT, SENDING OF EU HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVER
TEAMS, AND EXTRADITION OF PERSONS SUSPECTED OF SERIOUS
VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. ON BEHALF OF THE EU
COUNCIL, GERMAN MINISTER OF STATE FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS
URSULA SEILER-ALBRING EXPRESSED A MORE NUANCED APPROACH
TO RECOGNITION: "THE EU IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH RWANDAN
LEADERS." COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT MANUEL MARIN SAID
THE EU WAS READY TO SEND CIVILIAN OBSERVERS TO RWANDA,
AND WAS ONLY WAITING FOR A REQUEST FROM THE RWANDAN

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AUTHORITIES. HE ALSO RECOMMENDED REOPENING RELATIONS WITH ZAIRE IN ORDER TO DISCUSS RWANDA SECURITY ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

PARLIAMENT WANTS RECOGNITION FOR RWANDAN GOVERNMENT

2. THE EP RESOLUTION ON RWANDA WAS PREPARED BY THE EP'S COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION, WHICH IS CHAIRED BY FRENCH SOCIALIST BERNARD KOUCHNER (FRANCE, SOCIALIST), FOUNDER OF THE HUMANITARIAN GROUP "MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES." THE EP'S INVESTIGATORY DELEGATION TO RWANDA IN AUGUST INCLUDED KOUCHNER, BUT WAS HEADED BY LORD PLUMB, CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE ACP JOINT ASSEMBLY AND FORMER EP PRESIDENT. BOTH PLUMB AND KOUCHNER SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTION, WHICH WAS ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 15, AND WHICH ADVOCATED, AMONG OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

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-- EU RECOGNITION OF THE NEW RWANDAN GOVERNMENT AND DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS AS SOON AS IS POSSIBLE AND FEASIBLE;
-- ESTABLISHMENT OF HUMANITARIAN RELAY STATIONS (ACCORDING TO EP MEMBERS, LITTLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ALONG THIS FRONT.);
-- AN EU HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVER TEAM;
-- UNDER EP AUSPICES, A PERMANENT EU "HUMANITARIAN OBSERVATORY" TO MONITOR HUMAN RIGHTS AROUND THE WORLD;
-- MEMBER-STATE PRESSURE TO ENSURE THAT THE FORMER RWANDAN FORCES DO NOT REGROUP;
-- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN AREAS SUCH AS THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM, POLICE, AND BANKING;
-- RESTORATION OF RWANDAN FINANCIAL ASSETS;
-- DELIVERANCE BY OTHER COUNTRIES OF THOSE SUSPECTED OF SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, TO BE TRIED BEFORE AN INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL.

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3. THE RESOLUTION AS ORIGINALLY PREPARED BY THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ALSO CONTAINED A CALL FOR A PERMANENT CIVILIAN HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTION FORCE TO PREVENT DISASTERS SUCH AS RWANDA FROM OCCURRING. THIS PARAGRAPH, HOWEVER, WAS NARROWLY DEFEATED BY THE PARLIAMENT AND A SOMEWHAT LESS WELL-DEFINED RECOMMENDATION WAS SUBSTITUTED: TO INVESTIGATE THE

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ESTABLISHMENT OF STRUCTURES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PREVENTION OF SUCH DISASTERS, SINCE "DECLARATORY DIPLOMACY" IS ALMOST COMPLETELY USELESS.

4. THE RWANDA RESOLUTION ALSO INSPIRED THE LATEST OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITY BY THE EP'S SOCIALISTS AGAINST ITALIAN FOLLOWERS OF SILVIO BERLUSCONI. SOME OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WERE JOINTLY DRAFTED BY SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY GROUP AND BY BERLUSCONI'S "FORZA EUROPA GROUP." BELGIAN SOCIALIST RAYMONDE DURY (WIFE OF FORMER SOCIALIST GROUP LEADER JEAN-PIERRE COT OF FRANCE), BERATED THE EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY GROUP FOR "GETTING IN BED WITH FORZA

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EU COUNCIL: A NUANCED POSITION ON RECOGNITION

4. GERMAN MINISTER OF STATE FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS URSULA
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SELLER-ALBRING REPRESENTED THE COUNCIL AT THE EP DEBATE
ON RWANDA. REGARDING RECOGNITION OF RWANDA BY EU MEMBER
STATES, SHE SAID THIS "WILL DEPEND ON RESPECTIVE
CONSTITUTIONAL PRACTICES." HER WORDS ON WHETHER THE EU
SHOULD RECOGNIZE THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT WAS REMINISCENT
OF U.S. STATEMENTS THIS SUMMER: RECENT MEETINGS BETWEEN
EU REPRESENTATIVES AND RWANDAN OFFICIALS IS PROOF THE EU
IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH RWANDAN LEADERS, SHE SAID, TO
SUPPORT RWANDAN EFFORTS FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.
SHE ALSO NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF CREATING A BROAD-BASED
GOVERNMENT IN RWANDA AND THE NEED TO BRING BEFORE A
TRIBUNAL THOSE SUSPECTED OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR MASSACRES.

COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT: EU READY TO SEND OBSERVERS

5. COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT MANUEL MARIN, WHO IS THE
COMMISSION OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE AND
DEVELOPMENT, MADE FOUR POINTS ARISING OUT OF HIS AUGUST
29-SEPTEMBER 4 TRIP TO THE REGION WITH EU TROIKA

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REPRESENTATIVES:

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-- HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS WILL HAVE TO BE CONTINUED FOR A CONSIDERABLE TIME;

-- DUE TO CONDITIONS IN RWANDA, A FRAMEWORK FOR NORMAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT IS NOT YET POSSIBLE;

-- IT IS ESSENTIAL TO SEND A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO THE RWANDAN AUTHORITIES, TO ASSIST THEM IN THEIR EFFORTS

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TOWARD NATIONAL RECONCILIATION;

-- REHABILITATION SHOULD NOT BE CONFINED TO RWANDA, BUT SHOULD INCLUDE OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION.

6. MOVING BEYOND THE TROIKA VISIT, MARIN RECALLED THAT THE EU HAD CONTRIBUTED 350 MILLION ECU (OVER 400 MILLION USD) TO RWANDA, AND ADDING MEMBER STATE CONTRIBUTIONS BROUGHT THE EU TOTAL UP TO 500 MILLION ECU (ABOUT 600 MILLION DOLLARS). HE REPORTED THAT THE EU WAS ALREADY GOING BEYOND HUMANITARIAN AID TO "FIRST EMERGENCY REHABILITATION," AND WAS WORKING ON WATER AND ELECTRICITY FOR KIGALI. (COMMENT: NEITHER SEILER-ABRING NOR MARIN DESCRIBED PLANS FOR ANY SUBSTANTIAL NEW FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE EU FOR ASSISTANCE TO RWANDA; HOWEVER, THE DEBATE WAS DESIGNED TO FOCUS MORE ON "POLITICAL" MEASURES. END COMMENT.)

7. IF THE NEW AUTHORITIES IN KIGALI MAKE THE REQUEST, MARIN CONTINUED, THE EU IS READY TO SEND CIVILIAN OBSERVERS; THE POLITICAL DECISION HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. NOW THE EU NEEDS A REQUEST. "THE RWANDAN AUTHORITIES KNOW THAT," MARIN SAID, "AND WE'RE WAITING."

8. THE EU ALSO NEEDS TO STEP UP COOPERATION WITH ZAIRE, MARIN SAID, IN AN EFFORT TO DISARM HUTU MILITIA. THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION FAVORS REOPENING CONTACT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE. HE ALSO RECOMMENDED ASKING THE WEU FOR SUPPORT IN MERGING HUTU AND TUTSI TROOPS INTO A NEW ARMY.

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